

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for use in conjunction with a mouth and an ear of a user, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver configured to receive a sound from the user, the sound having a sound level;

a sound director having a first end, a second end, and at least one hollow portion positioned between the first end and the second end, the first end being coupled to the vocal sound receiver;

a sound regulator operatively coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the sound regulator configured to change the sound level to a different sound level; and

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the second end of the sound director, the ear sound deliverer configured to:

(a) cover all of the ear of the user; and

(b) deliver the different sound level to the ear of the user.

Claim 2 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 3 (original): The device of Claim 1, wherein the ear sound deliverer includes a head engagement member.

Claim 4 (original): The device of Claim 1, which includes at least one head securing member removably attached to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a length adjustment assembly defined by an operative coupling between the sound director and the: (a) vocal sound receiver; or (b) ear sound deliverer.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a sound regulator operatively coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 1, which includes a cover coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the cover having a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A device for directing sound from a mouth of a vocalist to an ear of the vocalist, the device comprising:

a vocal sound receiver defining at least one opening configured to receive a sound from the user, the sound having a sound level;

a sound regulator positioned adjacent ~~operatively-coupled to~~ the vocal sound receiver, the sound regulator configured to change the sound level to a different sound level;

a sound director having: (a) a first hollow portion coupled to the vocal sound receiver, the first hollow portion defining at least one bend; (b) a second hollow portion coupled to the first hollow portion; and (c) a third hollow portion coupled to the second hollow portion, the third hollow portion defining at least one bend;

an ear sound deliverer coupled to the third -hollow portion, the ear sound deliverer;

- (a) defining at least one opening sized to cover all of the ear of the user, the ear sound deliverer having a head engagement member;
and
- (b) having at least one head securing member coupled to the sound director; and
- (c) being configured to deliver the different sound level to the ear of the user.

Claim 9 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director is a one-piece member.

Claim 10 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director and the ear sound deliverer are each entirely mechanical.

Claim 11 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head engagement member has a perimeter portion which encompasses the ear of the vocalist.

Claim 12 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the head securing member includes an elongated head portion engagement member.

Claim 13 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to the sound director.

Claim 14 (original): The device of Claim 8, wherein the device has an interchangeable left ear orientation and right ear orientation.

Claim 15 (original): The device of Claim 14, wherein the sound director includes: (a) a first fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a first side of the sound director in the left ear orientation; and (b) a second fastener which enables the head securing member to be removably attached to a second side of the sound director in the right ear orientation.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver includes a cover which extends across the opening of the vocal sound receiver.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a plurality of walls which define a plurality of openings.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 16, wherein the cover has a porous structure.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the sound director includes a length adjuster which enables a distance between the vocal sound receiver and the ear sound deliverer to be adjusted.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 19, wherein the second tubular portion has a length adjustment zone.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion slidably receives the second tubular portion.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion has a size relative to a size of the second tubular portion so that the first tubular portion is slidably received by the second tubular portion.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 20, wherein the first tubular portion or the second tubular portion includes a length adjustment control member.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 8, wherein the vocal sound receiver, the sound director or the ear sound deliverer includes at least one sound regulator.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The device of Claim 24, wherein the sound regulator has a plurality of settings for controlling different levels of transmission of the sound to the ear sound deliverer.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for configuring a device for directing vocal sound from a vocalist to at least one ear of the vocalist, the method comprising:

(a) configuring the device so as to enable the vocalist to secure- the device to a head portion of the vocalist;

(b) configuring- a first portion of the device so that the first portion is operable to receive the vocal sound from the vocalist, the vocal sound having a sound level;

(c) configuring the device to enable the sound level to be changed to a different sound level;

(de) configuring- a second portion of the device so that the second portion is operable to direct at least a portion of the different sound level vocal-sound-towards a third portion of the device, wherein the second portion has a hollow shape; and

(ed) configuring the third portion of the device so that the third portion is operable to: (i) cover all of the ear; and (ii) direct the at least portion of the different sound level vocal-sound-to- the ear of the vocalist; ;and

(e) —enabling the vocalist to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is transmitted from the first portion of the device to the third portion of the device.

Claim 27 (original): The method of Claim 26, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary device which includes the first portion, the second portion and the third portion.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adjust a length of the device.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to adapt the device for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 26, which includes the step of enabling the vocalist to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is transmitted from the first portion of the device to the third portion of the device.

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method for configuring a device for assisting a user in hearing a voice of the user, the method comprising:

(a) configuring a mechanical head set so as to enable the user to install the mechanical head set on a head portion of the user;

(b) configuring the mechanical head set so as to enable the user to input a vocal sound into the mechanical head set, the vocal sound having a sound level;

(c) configuring the mechanical head set ~~so that~~ to include a receiving portion of which the mechanical head set is operable to receive the vocal sound;

(d) configuring the mechanical head set to include a sound regulator positioned adjacent to the receiving portion, wherein the sound regulator is operable to change the vocal sound level to a different sound level;

(e) configuring the mechanical head set so that the mechanical head set is operable to direct at least a portion of the different sound level vocal sound from the receiving portion, through a hollow channel toward at least one ear of the user, wherein the ear has a perimeter and the perimeter defines a total area of the ear; and

(fe) configuring the mechanical head set so that the mechanical head set is operable to direct the at least portion of the different sound level vocal sound to the total area of the ear; and

~~(f) enabling the user to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is directed to an ear of the user.~~

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 31, wherein step (a) includes the step of providing a unitary mechanical head set.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adjust a length of the mechanical head set.

Claim 34 (original): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to adapt the mechanical head set for delivering the vocal sound to a right ear or a left ear of the user.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 31, which includes the step of enabling the user to regulate a characteristic of the vocal sound which is directed to an ear of the user.